

## **II. Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (new) A method for inspecting and diagnosing ailments in human testes via ultrasonic inspection means, using a device comprising:

a pair of spaced-apart, downwardly curved members, each adapted to be positioned over a respective upper thigh portion of legs of a male patient and proximate a groin area of said patient when said patient is lying in a supine position;

a substantially flat portion, situate and extending intermediate said pair of curved members, having a pair of opposite, substantially mutually parallel side edges, adapted to raise and support thereon one or more male testes when said device is positioned proximate said groin area;

said method comprising:

positioning said male patient in said supine position;

placing said device in an operative position proximate said groin area of said patient, wherein each of said downwardly curved members each overlies said respective upper thigh portion of said legs of said patient;

positioning said testes of said male patient on said substantially flat portion of said device; and

ultrasonically inspecting said testes via said ultrasonic inspection means when said device is in said operative position and said testes positioned on said substantially flat portion.

Claim 5 (new) A method of use of a device for raising and supporting one or more testes of a patient during ultrasound examination when said patient is lying in a substantially supine position, said device comprising:

a pair of spaced-apart, downwardly curved members, each adapted to be positioned over a respective upper thigh portion of legs of a male patient and proximate a groin area of said patient when said patient is lying in a supine position;

a substantially flat portion, situate and extending intermediate said pair of curved members, having a pair of opposite, substantially mutually parallel side edges, adapted to raise and support thereon and intermediate said mutually opposite side edges one or more male testes when said device is positioned proximate said groin area;

said method of use comprising:

positioning said male patient in said supine position;

placing said device in an operative position proximate said groin area of said patient, wherein each of said downwardly curved

members each overlie said respective upper thigh portion of said legs of said patient;

positioning said testes of said male patient on said substantially flat portion; and

ultrasonically inspecting said testes via ultrasonic inspection means when said device is in said operative position and said testes positioned on said substantially flat portion.

Claim 6 (new) The method of claim 4 or 5, wherein a radius of curvature of each of said downwardly curved portions proximate one of said mutually parallel side edges is greater than said radius of curvature of each of said downwardly curved portions proximate said other of said pair of mutually parallel side edges thereof.

Claim 7 (new) The method of claim 4 or 5, wherein a length of one of said mutually parallel side edges of said flat portion is greater than a length of said other of said opposite mutually parallel side edges.

Claim 8 (new) A device for use in the inspecting and diagnosing ailments in human testes via ultrasonic inspection means, comprising:

a pair of spaced-apart, downwardly curved members, each adapted to be positioned over a respective upper thigh portion of legs of a male patient and proximate a groin area of said patient when said patient is lying in a supine position;

a substantially flat portion, situate and extending intermediate said pair of curved members, having a pair of opposite, substantially mutually parallel side edges, said flat portion adapted to raise and support thereon a pair of male testes when said device is positioned

proximate said groin area to permit ultrasonic inspection of said testes when situate on said flat portion.

Claim 9 (new) The device of claim 8, wherein a radius of curvature of each of said downwardly curved portions proximate one of said mutually parallel side edges is greater than said radius of curvature of each of said downwardly curved portions proximate said other of said pair of mutually parallel side edges thereof.

Claim 10 (new) The device as claimed in claim 8 or 9, wherein a length of one of said opposite mutually parallel side edges of said flat portion is greater than a length of said other of said opposite mutually parallel side edges.